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SUBJ: GROWING RIFT WITHIN ECEVIT COALITION GOVERNMENT

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), ANNOUNCED MID-DAY LOCAL TIME (SEPT 14) THAT HE AND OTHER NSP MEMBERS OF PRESENT COALITION CABINET WILL NOT SIGN DECREE WHICH IS NECESSARY TO MAKE PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT "OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GOT" DURING HIS PLANNED VISIT TO SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES. TRIP NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18-30. ERBAKAN SAID ECEVIT COULD GO "AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OWN POLITICAL PARTY, IF HE LIKED", BUT NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOT.

2. SEEMS LIKELY THIS SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT RESULTS FROM ECEVIT'S STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 13 THAT MINISTER OF STATE EYUBOGLU (FROM ECEVIT'S OWN PARTY), RATHER THAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN, WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER DURING SCANDANAVIAN TOUR.

3. OF LENGTHENING LIST OF PROBLEMS WITHIN ECEVIT-ERBAKAN COALITION CABINET, THIS IS MOST SERIOUS YET. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN,

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HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO FALL, BUT IT MEANS (A) CABINET

COLLAPSE BECOMES AN INCREASING POSSIBILITY AND (B) IN MEANTIME
OPERATION OF CABINET AS A UNIT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT.
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